GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:91
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. REGULARISATION OF CASUAL LABOURERS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Tribunal Court has passed any orders to regularise the casual labourers working in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have implemented the said orders;

(d) if so, the number of casual labourers regularised by the Railways during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e): The decision to regularise all casual labour on roll was not based on any Court`s orders, but on an announcement made by the then Minister of Railways in Parliament during the course of his reply on the Railway Budget for 1996-97, that all of about 56000 Casual Labours on roll as on 30.4.96 would be regularised by 30.4.98. Pursuant to this decision, 26993, 28031, 492 and 71 casual labourers(Total = 55587) were regularised during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 respectively. The remaining few could not be regularised due to their involvement in court cases, vigilance cases, reluctance to move to another place of posting etc.